COLLEGE SELECTION WORKSHEET

**PART 1. LEARNING ABOUT YOURSELF (remember, it is OKAY if these answers change as you mature!)**

1. Why do I want to go to college? When?
2. What abilities do I possess and want to develop?
3. What do I love to do in my free time?
4. What are the skills that come to me without thought/effort? What do people seek me out for?
5. Favorite subject(s) in school?
6. What energizes me? Certain people, places, activities?
7. What values do you hold dear, that help guide you through life?
8. If I could do any job in life, what would it be?
9. What personal and career goals do I want to pursue?
10. How and where do I see myself in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years?

**PART 2. WHAT TYPE OF COLLEGE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR**

1. Type of institution:
   1. 4 year
   2. 2 year
   3. Community College
      1. Then transfer?
      2. Then get a job?
   4. Trade/vocational school
   5. Other
2. Do I want to attend a
   1. Public
   2. Private
   3. Specialized
3. Location
   1. Region
   2. Urban
   3. Suburban
   4. Rural
   5. Climate
   6. Distance from home
4. Housing
   1. Live on campus
   2. Live at home and commute
   3. Greek life housing
   4. Off-campus apartment/house
5. Cost per academic year (tuition, room and board)
   1. Under $15,000
   2. $15,000-$30,000
   3. $30,000-$45,000
   4. $45,000+
6. How to pay for college
   1. Scholarship (merit-based)
      1. Do I meet the scholarship guidelines of the college?
      2. Have I searched for outside scholarship opportunities?
         1. Fastweb.com
         2. Scholly
         3. Checked with my school counselor
         4. Checked with local community, religious, other groups
   2. Financial Aid plans
      1. No aid required
      2. Partial aid
      3. Complete or nearly complete aid needed
   3. How much will my family contribute?
   4. How much will I contribute? Will I work while in school?
7. Other
   1. Student/recreational activities
   2. Sports/Division
   3. Undergraduate research
   4. Special Education services
   5. Study Abroad

**PART 2. COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET**

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| **COMPARATIVE CRITERIA:** | **COLLEGE A** | **COLLEGE B** | **COLLEGE C** |
| Name |  |  |  |
| Type of School |  |  |  |
| Enrollment (Undergrad/Grad, Male/Female, Ethnicity/Race) |  |  |  |
| Location – Distance from Home |  |  |  |
| Campus Setting (Urban/Suburban/Rural/Residential) |  |  |  |
| Application requirements– (subject tests, interview, etc) |  |  |  |
| Avg, GPA/Test Scores of admitted students |  |  |  |
| Scholarship/merit-based aid requirements |  |  |  |
| Application Deadline(s) |  |  |  |
| Total Cost/Yr – Tuition, room/board, books, supplies, fees |  |  |  |
| % of students receiving Financial Aid |  |  |  |
| % of returning freshmen (national avg for freshman retention is 75%) |  |  |  |
| % of students graduating in 4 yrs (national average for public 59%)? 6 yrs (public 59%, private 66%)? |  |  |  |
| Contact information/my admission counselor |  |  |  |
| Overall acceptance rate/my chances of being admitted |  |  |  |
| My Major(s) |  |  |  |
| Student:Faculty (ratio), avg class size |  |  |  |
| % of students living on campus |  |  |  |
| Types/Cost of Housing Available (Guaranteed? Required to live on campus? For how many years?) |  |  |  |
| Availability of student activities |  |  |  |
| Athletics/Division |  |  |  |
| Undergraduate research options |  |  |  |
| Study Abroad |  |  |  |
| Support Programs |  |  |  |
| My personal impressions |  |  |  |